

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-identified application:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): An Internet home page data acquisition method in a network system comprising a client which acquires and displays home page data, a cache URL address storage server which retains an access list comprising a plurality of URL addresses transferred from said client, and a cache server which acquires and temporarily retains the home page data on the basis of the access list retained in said cache URL address storage server, the method comprising the steps of:

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transferring an access list held by a client to a cache URL address storage server;

acquiring home page data by a cache server on the basis of the transferred access list; and

transferring the acquired home page data from said cache server to said client upon completion of acquisition of the home page data.

Claim 2 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein said client includes a server storage cyclic folder for storing an access list to be transferred to said cache URL address storage server, and the step of transferring the access list comprises transferring the access list retained in said server storage cyclic folder to said cache URL address storage server.

Claim 3 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of transferring the home page data comprises the steps of:

causing said cache server to connect a line to said client when acquisition of home page data is completed; and

transferring the acquired home page data from said cache server to said client after the line is connected.

Claim 4 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of transferring the home page data comprises the steps of:

causing said client to connect a line to said cache server when acquisition of home page data is completed; and

transferring the acquired home page data from said cache server to said client after the line is connected.

Claim 5 (original): A method according to claim 4, wherein the step of connecting the line comprises the step of periodically connecting the line to said cache server.

Claim 6 (original): A method according to claim 4, wherein the method further comprises the step of causing said cache server to notify said client of an acquisition end time when the access list is transferred, and the step of connecting the line comprises the step of connecting the line to said cache server at the notified acquisition end time.

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Claim 7 (new): A method for acquiring Internet home page, the method comprising:

connecting a line between a client and a cache URL address storage server;

transferring an access list from the client to the cache URL address storage server, the access list comprising URL addresses that the client wishes to receive;

disconnecting the line between the client and the cache URL address storage server;

acquiring home page data at a cache server on the basis of the URL addresses in the transferred access list;

connecting a line between the client and the cache server upon completing the acquisition of the home page data; and

transferring the acquired home page data from the cache server to the client.

Claim 8 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the client includes a server storage cyclic folder for storing an access list to be transferred to the cache URL address storage server, and the step of transferring the access list comprises transferring the access list retained in the server storage cyclic folder to the cache URL address storage server.

Claim 9 (new): The method according to claim 7, wherein the cache server connects the line to the client when acquisition of home page data is completed.

Claim 10 (new): The method according to claim 1, wherein the client connects the line to the cache server when acquisition of home page data is completed.

Claim 11 (new): The method according to claim 10, wherein the step of connecting the line comprises the step of periodically connecting the line to the cache server.

Claim 12 (new): A method according to claim 10, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

causing the cache server to notify the client of an acquisition end time when the access list is transferred, and

the step of connecting the line comprises the step of connecting the line to the cache server at the notified acquisition end time.